



City of Sandy

Agenda

Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Location: City Hall- Council Chambers, 39250 Pioneer Blvd., Sandy, Oregon 97055

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Walker, Board Member, Don Robertson, Board Member, Michael Weinberg, Board Member, Susan Drew, Board Member, and Makoto Lane, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Laurie Smallwood, Councilor and Sarah Richardson, Community Services

MEDIA PRESENT:

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment

In attendance:

Becky Hawley - Chairperson City of Sandy Arts Commission

Katrina Mowrey

Becky Hawley shared the Arts Commission desire to collaborate with the Parks and Trails Board. Shared the Arts Commission activities in their first year. Wants to work with all departments in Sandy so that planning for arts in advance will be more efficient. Would like to be involved with the update to the parks Master Plan so that arts elements can be considered. Commission will be having informal works sessions and invite members to attend and would like to be invited if there is an opportunity to work with the Parks Board.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Meeting Minutes

Moved by Kathleen Walker, seconded by Don Robertson

Remove Tanya Richardson, Laurie Smallwood and Kelly O'Neil as present. Add James Cramer as present. Add that Makoto was in attendance

CARRIED.

4. Changes to the Agenda

4.1. Discuss Pool/Community Campus Survey

Kathleen Walker, Board Chair reviewed details about the Community Survey currently out.

Laurie Smallwood, Council Liaison noted surveys were sent out to 4,000 in Sandy and a random sampling in Estacada. Interested in whether Estacada would want to partner in a Parks and Rec. District.

Laurie Smallwood mentioned that after the survey is complete a phone survey will be added, and an online way to participate in the survey. Started with a random sample so to get a scientific result.

Kathleen Walker shared the survey questions with board and spoke about challenges that led to the closing of the pool and ongoing costs to keep basic maintenance which is required.

Kathleen Walker talked about the idea of the Parks District. Would be offering a wide range of community amenities to benefit a wide range of residents. Laurie Smallwood spoke about the questions on the survey and what the council is hoping to learn about the desires of community members. Asking the community if they want a pool, a district etc., or none of the above. Phone survey that comes after will be much more detailed with regard to costs to residents. The survey is the first step to learn what the community wants.

Kathleen Walker talked about the Parks Master Plan and noted we have parks in every quadrant except for one, which is where the Community Campus is located. Expressed concerned about selling the park land attached. Noted it is very hard to come by available park land that is suitable for development. Takes time to develop and and it is hard to acquire park land. Mentioned Bornstedt Park as an example. Expressed concern about the question on the survey that mentions the selling of the property.

Susan Drew asked who came up with the question on the survey. Laurie Smallwood explained that it was a committee made up of 3 council members and city staff. The firm hired to execute the survey provided direction.

Kathleen Walker wanted to express her concern about the park space.

Katrina Mowrey spoke about the varied potential for the buildings.

Susan Drew inquired why the parks board was not involved in the development of the survey.

Kathleen Walker reiterated her concern about the wording of the question. Skeptical about what the plan is. No other land that is easily developed in that area.

Laurie Smallwood expressed that this is preliminary and council is just trying to learn more about what the community wants.

5. New Business

5.1. Green Infrastructure Seminar - Update from board member Makoto Lane

Attended all day meeting with Non-profit that works with stakeholders. Focused primarily on issues surrounding run off. Included lots of information about permeable surfaces and how they help to manage run off. Both the mayor and city manager were there in attendance. Learned about various ways to treat run off water and how treatments can affect things like temperature. How it is treated can affect the temperature of the water and can have impacts on fish etc. Run off is important in Sandy because of the amount of rain we receive. Makoto Lane believes this is something Sandy should be aware of and said Jordan mentioned that the planning department is interested in solutions as well.

Kathleen Walker shared that there are permeable areas within the city parks currently. Example is Meinig Park parking lot. Also Sandy Bluff Park on east side is a sample permeable sidewalk. Kathleen Walker mentioned the packed gravel trails in Sandy being are more permeable.

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Sarah Richardson, staff liaison, shared Joe's follow-up to board questions. Kathleen Walker/Don Robertson #5 - DR said we should check up on this because he believes it is state law, regardless of method. Are we in compliance? Don Robertson believes that a license is not needed but that logging information is a requirement.

Katrina Mowrey - believes it would just be good practice in any event.

Kathleen Walker suggested Jason Dumant would have good information. He now works with Sandy River Council and Clackamas Watershed council. Kathleen Walker recommends that we have Jason come and share information with the board.

Susan Drew recounted her experience in the park recently with regard to leaves being blown into No Name Creek. Concerned we don't have a more formal program. Wondering why we don't have a more detailed plan.

Michael Weinberg would appreciate being able to talk with the Parks Superintendent in person. Sarah Richardson, staff liaison, explained that the board can request a staff member to attend a meeting but cannot require it. Mentioned the current workload of the department and the staffing challenges. The Parks Maintenance Department has two full time employees which includes the Parks Superintendent. The Superintendent has provided the information requested by the board and responded to the follow-up questions.

Don Robertson strongly suggests that we present a clear and professional policy.

Kathleen Walker agrees and it is important to have a written policy to follow and to train employees.

Kathleen Walker addressed her hope that in the future the job description would include meetings with the Parks and Trails Advisory Board. Need to make better use of volunteers for parks maintenance. Lots of opportunity. Kathleen Walker is willing to help coordinate but Parks Maintenance needs to identify what needs to be done. Inventories are done on playgrounds but not sure on anything else.

7. STAFF UPDATES

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Discussion about the artwork at the park.

Discussion about how much money would be needed to complete the project.

Sarah Richardson thanked Kathleen for her efforts and Kathleen Walker recognized Joe Preston for the work he has completed at the park.

Laurie Smallwood suggested we might be able to collaborate with the High School.

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7.2. Master Plan Update

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